the inquisitors were at their wit's end. The old lady was as cool as ever. Then the tinroofer's hammer, to which evidence seems to point as the instrument used by the murderer, the two sand bags which were found in the house and a piece of Mrs. Kinnan's broken skull were brought in. When that bit of bone was laid in Mrs. Stenton's hand she turned it over quietly very much as an All Visitors Talk of Adjournment. she turned it over quietly, very much as an actor would handle the skull in play. She

"Did you strike your daughter with this ammer?" asked the coroner.

The old woman's quick temper flared up as she replied with another question, "How dare you suggest that I killed my daughter?

I don't know how that hammer came be-hind the bureau. Why do you bother me?

I know nothing about this murder. Taken to the Scene of Murder.

During the short intermission that was taken early in the afternoon Mrs. Stenton gave some evidence of the indignation which questioning had aroused in her. Several times she got up from her chair and QUITE A MYSTERIOUS PACKAGE walked around the room with nervous steps. After a time she had to submit to more

After their failure to elicit anything by direct questioning the coroner and the po-lice decided to take Mrs. Stenton to the scene of the murder in the hope that by taking her over the grounds they might get some information. They started with her in a carriage and drove to the old house at 189th street. There Mrs. Stenton will be led from room to room and asked many questions as to the details of her life with her daughter and of the circumstances pre-

ELEMENT OF

MATTER OF APPOINTING BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSED.

Absence of Court Member Raises Question-Believed, However, Selections Will Not Be Delayed.

Can the new board of education be appointed in the absence of Justice Anderson of the District Supreme Court? This question is being freely discussed at the city hall In removing the appointing power from the District Commissioners Congress has not been sufficiently explicit in placing it, according to the opinion of some of the prominent members of the bar.

Are the justices sitting in general term of the District Supreme Court made the appointing power or are the members of the new board to be selected by six men, who for convenience are designated as the "Supreme Court judges of the District of Co-The bill requires that the appointment shall be made by the "Supreme Court judges of the District of Columbia." Some attorneys hold that the appointments could only be made after a conference of the six justices, one of whom, Justice Anderson, is traveling in Europe and is not expected to return until September 15.
If this view should prevail the board could hardly get into working order by the time

law requires the board to organize before The attorneys who favor the view that the judges are to act as the District Supreme Court in general term assembled maintain that the appointments may be made by a quorum of the court, which by previous order of the court has been de-

set for the reopening of the schools!

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cided to comprise three of the justices.
This arrangement would allow the board to be named shortly after July 1 and be-fore the judges separate for their vacations. A third opinion and the one that seems to have the largest following is that since the appointment of the board of education is not a judicial function the power is con-ferred upon the justices collectively and that the six of them or a majority, if all cannot be assembled, will have the right to name the persons who are to comprise

Chief Justice Chabaugh declined to be in-It is rumored that the five justices, considering Justice Anderson's ab-sence unavoidable, will meet on the return of Justices Barnard and Wright, who are at present out of the city, and announce A number of names of applicants have been presented to the justices, but the list

will not be made public.

JOIN A REGULAR PARTY. John Mitchell's Advice to the Miners.

Special Dispatch to The Star. WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 23 .- President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers is advising the members of the union throughout the anthracite district, who are endeavoring to place labor union candidates in the legislature, not to form distinctive political parties as many of them are doing. He advises them instead to have their candidates seek the nomination of some established party. He fears that if they form union parties jealousies may arise which will sap the strength of the union.

nearly all of the legislative districts of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties the mine workers have placed candidates in the field, many of them on a union workmen's party ticket.

GUILTY OF CRUELTY.

Woman to Be Sent to Penitentiary for

PEORIA, IH., June 23.-After a trial lasting two weeks, Mrs. Mary L. McKinney of Aledo, Ill., prominent in social and church circles, was today found guilty of cruelty to Stella Grady, her ward, Mrs. McKinney was found to be of unsound mind and was sentenced to two years in the Chester, Ill.,

The attorneys for Mrs. Mary L. McKinney will ask for a new trial on the grounds that the verdict of the jury was contrary to the state law, which especially provides that an insane person shall not be tried for the commission of a crime. The jury followed the instructions of the court in considering the question as to Mrs. McKinney's sanity.

penitentlary for the criminal insane.

Mrs. Mckinney is out on \$1,500 bonds. She will probably be sentenced Monday. She showed no emotion when the finding of the jury was read.

CITIZENS IN A PANIC.

Bialystok.

Fears of Another Massacre

ST. PETERSBURG, June 23 .- Dispatches from Bialystok report that the citizens there are panic-stricken, owing to unconfirmable rumors that the excesses will be revived today. There is a general display of ikons and crosses before the houses, to protect the inhabitants from attack. Patrols are to be seen everywhere and strict martial law is enforced. Three men, two of whom were Christians, were recently

shot for failing to obey orders to halt.

In St. Petersburg a sergeant of police was killed last night in the turbulent Narva district, which is the center of an armed revolutionary organization.

Improvements at Fort Myer.

Arthur Cowsill of this city has been awarded the contract for the construction of an isolation hospital at Fort Myer, Va., at \$16,981. The plumbing will be done by the Nicholas Plumbing Company of Columbus, Ohio, at \$1,550. The plumbing and sewerage system in connection with the quartermaster's stable at Fort Myer cavairy post will also be installed by Mr. Cowsill at \$524.50.

Survey of Coney Island. The Senate has passed a bill providing for a survey of Coney Island channel, New

York, with a view to securing twenty feet of water at low tide. Extradition Treaty With Japan Bati-

sentative Olmsted of Pennsylvania -A Civil Service Order.

Nearly every congressional visitor to the White House believes there is no question that Congress will adolourn by the last day of next week, possibly a day or so earlier. DOUBT | The venerable Representative Grosvenor of Ohio, about the best posted man in the House as to adjournment dates, said this morning, after a can upon the President, that he could not see any reason why adjournment should go beyond next week.

When asked why the two bodies did not

Prospects.

END EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

A Talk on South Dakota Patron-

Handed to the President by Repre

agree upon a resolution fixing a date he said that the House would not agree to a such a resolution until a day or two before it was ready to enw up its business. The reason for this was that under the rules of the House everything could be passed under suspension six days before that body adjourned. By fooling itself, and not knowing when it will adjourn, the House will escape the rush of suspension business. There is all-around anxiety to get away from Washington as early as possible, and the disappointment will be great if there is any failure to be free from congressional restraints after next week. There is some fear that the pure food bill may cause a hold-up. One of the conferees is Senator McCumber. He is a Scotchman and, naturaly, tenacious of his views. If he becomes convinced that he should stand out for

General Grosvenor said he thought he would pay his farewell call on the Presi-dent now before arranging to go to his home when Congress concludes. The President will be exceedingly busy then and he preferred to trouble the chief executive

something before the conferees the question of adjournment would be a small one with

South Dakota Patronage.

Representatives Martin and Burke, who were defeated for renomination to Congress in the recent upheaval in republican ranks | the Pan-American conference, opening there in that state, called on the President today to ascertain where they stood in the matter July 15; Pernambuco, July 19, and Bahia, ted the appointments of postmasters in their respective districts, the same as in the case of other republican representatives. What the President said to them must have been favorable, as they appeared to be satisfied. Messrs. Martin and Burke were leagued with Senator Kittredge in the fight against Senator Gamble, who won a decisive victory, aided by the republican candidate for governor. Mr. Martin op-posed Senator Gamble. Although defeated he is greatly respected even by his op-

Senator Gamble saw the President a day or so ago about patronage in the state, there being several good appointments neary due. Just how the President will pass upon them remains to be seen. He given Senator Kittredge one severe in the nominattion of Elliott to be United States attorney. Kittredge's backers want to know whether this blo wis to be followed by another. Herbert H. D. Peirce, who has been con-firmed as minister to Norway, called on the President to pay his respect and say good-bye. Mr. Peirce will sail for his new post about the 1st of July.

Olmsted's Mysterious Package. Representative Olmsted handed to Prestdent Roosevelt today a package of which ne did not know the contents. All he knows is that he was requested to hand the package to the President by Andrew S. McCreath one of the best known republicans and club men of Harrisburg. Pa. About the time the Spanish war broke out and while President Roosevelt was still assistant secretary of the navy, M. McCreath made a prediction something like this to a large party of friends: "Roosevelt will resign as assistant secre-tary of the navy; will go to the war with Spain, make a reputation for himself, be elected governor of New York and then President of the United States." All that Mr. McCreath missed was the vice presi-dency part. He has always been an admirer of the President. What he sent to the President he did not tell Mr. Olmsted, the President he did not tell who also talked with the President about the trip the latter will make to Harrisburg in October on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new state capitol of Pennsylvania. That visit of the President s looked forward to by all the republicans

of Pennsylvania. Senators Simmons and Overman of North a personal mission. Ex-Gov. Merriam of Minnesota, former director of the census, was another caller. He is now engaged in the coal and fron business and spends much of his time in Virginia.

Under Civil Service.

President Roosevelt has signed an executive order placing under the civil service regulations all of the employes of the fifth revenue district, in North Carolina. The order includes the minor as well as the major employes. The matter was presented to the President by the civil service commission with a recommendation that the order be issued. The reason for it is that it was deemed advisable by the commission, on account of the condition of the employes of that district, to place them under the civil service rules, the belief being that it would result in better service to the government. The order applies to that district alone.

Presidential Nominations.

The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations: Consul general at Boma, Congo Free State -Clarence Rice Slocum, New York. Consul at La Paz, Mexico-George B. Mc

Googan, Indiana. Marshal, southern district of Texas-C. G. Brewster, Texas.

Panama Railway Directors' Meeting. A meeting of the directors of the Panama railway will be held in New York June 27, preparatory to the departure of the isthmian canal commission for the canal zone on the following day. Chairman Shonts and all the members of the commission have completed arrangements to sail for

the isthmus on the steamer Panama and will remain in the canal zone until they have worked out complete plans for the construction of the lock canal. Father's Death Takes Son From Race. Hercules Atkin, well known in the carpet trade of Philadelphia and other cities, died suddenly last night. He was about sixty-five years of age. Hercules Atkin, jr., his son, is stroke of the University of Pennsylvania four-oared shell crew, which is to race at Poughkeepsie today. He was telegraphed to return home at once.

Grand Jury Beturns Indictments. The grand jury has reported the follow-

Clifford W. Hawkins, larceny from the United States; Arthur T. Montgomery, man-slaughter; John McCann, grand larceny; Oscar Pollard, housebreaking and larceny; George Thurston, housebreaking and lar-George Thurston, house ceny; Harry Garrett, ho

PENNSYLVANIA CAMPAIGN.

Progress of Fight Against the Ring Bule Machine. Mr. Guffey has not renounced his ambi-All Visitors Talk of Adjournment tion to be a prominent figure in Pennsylvania politics. The Philadelphia North

American today says: "Notwithstanding his bombastic procla mation 'releasing' his state delegates, issued two days ago by James M. Guffey, demo cratic state boss, the fact that Guffey still is working overtime to defeat the nomination by the democrats of ex-Senator Lewis Emery, jr., for governor, was indicated yesterday when it became known that Gui-

yesterday when it became known that Guffey had taken a new 'democrat only' to oppose the Lincoln candidate. Guffey's latest candidate, according to a dispatch from Pittsburg, the home of the rich oil operator and democratic boss, is City Controller John B. Larkin of that city, who recently declared for Emery, but subsequently said nice things about Guffey as a boss.

"Although the state convention will be held next Wednesday, Guffey's inability to control it is shown in his fiop to Larkin, his fourth 'democrat only' since he issued his edict for 'a democrat only.' First, Guffey favored ex-Mayor Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg, who recently declared in favor of fusion and for Emery. Next, the boss thought Representative William T. Creasy of Columbia would be acceptable. Then he flopped to State Treasurer William H. Berry. Dropping Berry, the state boss returned to Creasy."

The Philadelphia Ledger today says that a protest against the nomination of any one for governor except a democrat will be sent to the democrat is take convention.

one for governor except a democrat will be sent to the democratic state convention next week by leading party men of this city, who are not actively identified with

the democratic organization.

The protest was discussed yesterday, and It was suggested that a town meeting be called for Monday night to urge the nomination of a democrat for governor. No set tlement was reached, but the matter will be taken up again today. It was proposed that at the meeting addresses should be delivered by Henry Budd, John Cadwalader, Maj. Moses Veale and others who are known to be opposed to the movement to make ex-Senator Emery or any other re-publican the democratic nominee for gov-

DR. WILBUR APPOINTED. Chief Statistician of Vital Statistics

in Census Office.

Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur has been appointed chief statistician for vital statistics in the census bureau, vice William A. King, deceased. Dr. Wilbur was expert special agent in the same bureau.

Dr. Wilbur has been medical referee for the division of vital statistics at the census office since 1901, and he prepared, under the auspices of the American Public Health Association. the "Manual of International Classification of Causes of Death," now used at the bureau. He has acquired an international reputation as an author on mor-tality and morbidity subjects.

Secretary Root's Trip.

Secretary Root will make three stops in Brazil before going to Rio Janeiro to attend on July 21. These will include Para, about of patronage. Before the republican pri- July 21. He expects to reach Rio Janeiro maries these representatives were permit- July 25. At each of the three ports added to his itinerary special honors will be shown him. At Rio the Brazilian authorities will welcome him with a celebration entirely distinct from the opening ceremonies of the

From Brazil Mr. Root will sail for Montevideo, Uruguay, where he will remain for about two days. His next stop will be Buenos Ayres, Argentina. He will then start for the long trip about the southern end of South America, preparatory to mak-ing brief stops in Chile, Ecuador and Peru. He will probably visit Cartagena, Colombia, after crossing the Isthmus of Panama.

Bona Fide Circulation.

Nearly everybody in Washington reads The Sunday Star. Last Sunday's circulation was by far the largest and best in the city and the only sworn circulation in the District of Columbia.

The advertiser is entitled to know the circulation of any paper in which he advertises.

The circulation of The Sunday Star on June 17, 1906, was 32,152.

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents the number of copies of THE SUNDAY STAR circulated on June 17, 1906—that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished and mailed, for valuable consideration, to bona fide purchasers or subscribers, and that none of the copies so counted are free or Carolina called on the President today on sample copies and none are returnable, except in the case of several hundred sent to suburban agents, from whom a few returns of unsold papers have not yet been

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Bids Opened at the Navy Department Today

FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION

Two Classes of Plans for Their Machinery.

WM. CRAMP & CO. THE LOWEST One Firm Allowed to Build Only One

-Bidders of Class 2-Description of Ships.

Bids were opened today at the Navy Department for the construction of the 16,000ton battleships Michigan and South Caro lina, authorized by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1905. Wm. Cramp & Co. of Philadelphia submitted the lowest bid for one of the ships, according to the plans of the Navy Department, for machinery at \$3,540,000. These plans for machinery will probably be accepted by the Navy Department in preference to plans of bidders as submitted in other proposals. The bids for

the prescribed machinery were known as class 1 bids. The New York Shipbuilding Company offered the next lowest bid in that class, \$3,585,000. As one firm is allowed to build only one of the ships, this second bid will doubtless be accepted in case the department finally decides to adopt class plans. The bid of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Com-pany on this class was \$3,673,000, and the Union Iron Works of San Francisco bid \$4,250,000.

In Class Two.

In class 2 there was a great variety of bids and the prices vary according to the plans of the various ship yards for machinery. Under that class the machinery may be of the turbine type and many of the bids specified turbine engines. The lowest bid in class 2 was that of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, \$3,689,000. That bid is on a ship equipped with two 120-inch Curtis steam turbines.

The complete list of bids in class 2 follows:

New York Shipbuilding Company, \$3,900, 000 and \$3,850,000. Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, \$3,613,000, \$3,963,000, \$3,753,-000 and \$3,713,000.

Fore River Shipbuilding Company, \$3,945,-000, \$3,820,000, \$3,719,000, \$3,780,000, \$3,689,-000. The last three bids are for Curtis

turbines William Cramp & Co. Ship and Engine Company, \$4,100,000. The great variety in these bids is due to the difference in plans. Most of them are on turbine construction, but as the size of turbine engines was not specified proposals contained prices on many different sizes.

The New Battleships.

The new battleships are to be 450 feet long and will have an extreme breadth at low water line of 80 feet 2 5-8 inches. The mean draft at trial displacement is not to exceed 24 feet 6 inches. The coal bunker capacity of the ships will be 2,200 tons

Each ship will have a main battery of eight 12-inch breech-loading rifles and two submerged torpedo tubes. The secondary battery of each of the battleships will con-sist of twenty-two 3-inch (14-pounder) rapid fire guns; two 3-pounder semi-automatic guns; eight 1-pounder semi-automatic guns; two 3-inch field pieces; four machine guns

The twelve-inch guns will be installed in pairs, in four electrically controlled, balanced elliptical turrets on the center line, two forward and two aft, each with an arc of fire of about 270 degrees. A secondary battery of 3-inch, 3-pounder and minor callber guns will be installed in commanding positions, with large unobstructed arcs of fire. The two torpedo tubes and accessories will be installed in a submerged torpedo

room forward. The hulls of the new battleships are to be protected by a water line belt eight feet wide, varying in thickness from eight to twelve inches. This armor will be tapered in sections, being thicker above the water line. Casemate armor will extend from thickness and breadth will extend from the top of the side armor belt to a level eight feet above. The barbettes will carry ten inches of armor in front and the conning tower will be twelve inches thick, which is also the thickness of the turret armor. Complete belts of cellulose will encircle the ship to automatically close up holes made by shot below the water level.

The Engines.

The vessels will be driven by engines of 16,000 horse power, four-cylinder, tripleexpansion in type, supplied with steam by twelve water-tube boilers and superheaters. The smokepipes of the ships will be 100 feet high, and steel masts forward and aft will be equipped with wireless telegraphy outfits. Every precaution is taken to insure against fire, and all the living spaces are to be sheathed with metal, backed with an inch and one-half of cork

and asbestos and felt.

The maximum time to be allowed for completion of the battleships will be forty-two months in each case, and heavy penalty is provided for delay. Not more than one of the vessels can be built by one contractor under the law.

INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS. Gen. Ernst Has Called a Meeting of the Commission.

Gen. Ernst, chairman of the United States contingent of the international waterway commission, has called a meeting of the full commission at Buffalo next Tuesday. The subjects for discussion will be in the first place matters pertaining to the use of the waters of Rainy Lake river in Minnesota by the Minnesota Power Company, and second, the diversion of the waters of the St. Lawrence by an existing power plant at Long Sault, below Niagara, and the proposition to construct another power

proposition to construct another power plant in the same neighborhood.

A hearing will also be given to Chief Engineer Randolph and Chairman McCormick of the board of trustees of the Chicago drainage canal respecting the amount of water to be diverted for drainage purposes. The commission will be in session at intervals during the entire summer after Gen. Ernst's return from the isthmus of Panama. He is a member of the canal commission and expects to sail from New York next Thursday with his fellow commissioners for the isthmus, but believes that the work on the isthmus will not consume much time.

Will Abandon His Paris Trip. Because the meat inspection amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill was not sent to conference by the Senate yes-terday Senator Beveridge cabled to Paris canceling his engagement to speak there on July 4 before the American chamber of commerce. He had intended sailing today, but will now abandon his trip entirely.

Millers Favor Beciprocity.

At yesterday's session of the nations convention of flour mill men at Milwaukee strongly worded resolution in favor of tariff reciprocity with all countries was adopted. The convention selected St. Louis as the place of meeting next year. The millers closed their three days' meet-ing with a banquet last night.

Admitted to Maval Academy. natch to The Star.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 28.—The followers additional candidates who passed the editional dammus.

A RATLEGAD BILL

Washington and Western Maryland Company Incorporated.

The Senate today passed House bill 12086 to amend the act incorporating the Wash-ington and Western Maryland Railroad Company. The bill was reported from the committee on the District of Columbia by Senator Whyte and was passed without debate. A similar bill has been passed by the House of Representatives several times but Senator Whyte's predecessor, the late Senator Gorman, was opposed to it, and it was never allowed to pass the Senate.

The bill provides that the Washingt

and Western Maryland Railroad Company be authorized to cross the Chesapeake and Onio canal and the government road, commonly known as the River road, at a point about 2,400 feet east of Chain bridge to a point immediately north of River road by means of a bridge with a clearance of at least 16 feet above the present grade of the River road, and so elevated above the canal as not to interfere with its travel and traffic, and to proceed from that point fic, and to proceed from that point immediately north of the river road and immediately north of the river road and northwestwardly through the lands of the Palisades of the Potomac Company over a right of way acquired from the Palisades of the Potomac Company to the south line of the receiving reservoir in the District and Maryland, thence to the point of intersection with the line of the Metropolitan Southern Railroad Company. The Washington and Western Maryland Company is authorized to construct its road over the reservoir, the exact location of which road is indicated in the bill.

The Senate passed the bill without amend-The Senate passed the bill without amend-

NEW OFFICE BUILDING.

Holtzman Real Estate Agency

Change Its Location. The members of the firm composing the real estate agency of R. O. Holtzman have decided to erect a new building for their own use at 1426 New York avenue, and ground will be broken next week for the foundations. The structure will be three stories in height, and the lower floor will be occupied by the offices of the firm, the agency to be removed from their present location at the corner of 10th and F streets northwest to the new building as soon as it is completed. It is believed this will be about the middle of September. The two upper floors will be rented for office pur-The new Holtzman building will be erect-

ed on the lot now owned by the Holtzman estate, and will replace the old two-story frame building now standing at this point. The cost of the new building will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000, and will be constructed of brick and stone.

SALE OF VALUABLE REALTY. Various Tracts, Aggregating 65 Acres, Bought by Dr. Kolipinski.

Various tracts of land aggregating sixtyfive acres, have been sold for the Miller heirs, by Anton Heitmuller, the real estate brcker, to Dr. Louis Kolipinski of this city. The property is located on Sargent read just above Bates read, Brookland, D. C., and comprises a portion of the highlands overlooking the Catholic University. The price paid for the sixty-five acres was at the rate of \$265 per acre, or a total of \$16,225.

Dr. Kolipinski bas purchased the property for an investment, and will subdivide and place it on the market through the office of Anton Heitmuller. The location possesses historic interest, in the fact that possesses historic interest, in the fact that Gen. Early and other officers of the con-federate forces stopped on this elevation for supper during the time of the threat-ened capture of the city during the civil war. The point was shelled from Fort Stevens, and several large unexploded shells were plowed up in the immediate neigh-

ROYAL ARCANUM CELEBRATION. Garnd Council of the Fraternity Gives

a Complimentary Excursion. The 2,600 members of the Royal Arcanum in the District of Columbia are today celebrating Royal Arcanum day at River View. Grand Regent Beatle and his corps of officers have provided a base ball game, bowling match, etc., for the members. Thomas Colver will provide and superintend the amusements for the little people.

Contest Over Picnic Ground.

The Commissioners decided today that the contest over the application for the establishment of a picnic ground at Anderson's Grove, near the Conduit road, required a public hearing, and July 5 has been set apart as the date when both the applicants and the protestants will be given opportunity to advance their arguments.
Representatives of both sides of the con troversy asked the Commissioners today for a hearing in order that they might pre-sent the differing views. Both sides feel very strongly about the matter, and are very desirous to carry their point. Last year a similar application was denied by the Commissioners on the recommendation of the police department.

Mental Condition to Be Determined. Thomas E. Stockstill pleaded guilty to an information filed in the Police Court today alleging that he obtained money under false pretenses. Judge Kimball imposed a fine of \$30, with ninety days in the work house in default. Stockstill, who was until recently employed by P. J. Collins, presented a check to his employer for \$3, and, it is said, alleged that it was a good and valid order for the payment of the money. Mr. Collins cashed the order, but when it was presented at the bank it was found that it was not good.

Judge Kimball ordered that Stockstill be

examined as to his mental condition, after the prisoner's father had stated to the court that his son believed that he was a millionaire and having the money in bank was entitled to draw against it.

Joint Outing of Sunday Schools. Arrangements have been made for joint outing of the Mt. Pleasant Congregational, Gunton Temple Presbyterian and Ninth Street Christlan Sunday schools at River View next Tuesday. The entertainment committee has prepared interesting games for boys and girls. The events include fifty and one hundred-yard dashes for boys of various ages, a three-legged race, potato races for boys and girls, interchurch relay races and other energy races. church relay races and other sports. game of base ball is also on the program.

The committee of arrangements consists of Messrs. T. A. Hostetler, Charles Hamann, J. A. Scott, W. J. Bowman, Edward O Cowling, Dr. E. L. Whitney, William Kinney, Ira Pope and Harry Works. P. O. Appropriation Bill Agreed To. The completed conference report on the post office appropriation bill was presented to the Senate yesterday afternoon by Senator Penrose. All but a few of the differator Penrose. All but a few of the differences were settled ten days ago and at that time the agreements were made public. The amendments that continued in dispute together with the manner of their disposition by the report made today follow:

The Senate provision permitting patrons of rural free delivery mail routes to furnish their own boxes was stricken out. The amendment giving rural carriers after.

nish their own boxes was stricken out. The amendment giving rural carriers fifteen days' annual leave was accepted. The provision, which required that the Post Office Department should make no regulation which could forbid any postmaster or rural carrier from furnishing a senator from a state the names of those to whom he delivers mail in that state, nor to a representative or delegate, the names of those to whom he delivers mail within the district or territory so represented, was struck out.

Bryan Indorsed in Florida. The state democratic executive committee

in session at Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday to canvase the returns from the recent primary election, adopted a resolution fa-voring tariff reform as an issue and strong-ly indoming William Jannings Bryan as the party candidate for President.

SHORT-WEIGHT GOODS

Pure Food Bill Strikes Rough Water.

PACKAGE AMENDMENT ROW

Manufacturers Object to a Specific Label.

INTERESTS MANY CLAMOR

Claimed That Weighing Their Goods Would Put Many Small Canneries

Out of Business.

After an hour spent in the consideration of privileged reports the House resumed further consideration of the pure food bill. According to the decision of the chair the committee of the whole having under consideration the pure food bill must, under the rule adopted, report the bill at 3:50, when it will be put upon its final passage. Everything was smooth sailing until the so-called "package amendment" was reached, and then squalls sprang up-and the leg-

islative sea became exceedingly choppy. Mr. Mann (Ill.), in charge of the bill, offered the committee amendment heretofore printed, that the time the package was put up must be on the container, together with the weight or measure on the outside

of the package.

A dozen members were on their feet immediately after the reading of the amendment, "Mr. Chairman" being heard all over the House.

Bottles Do Vary.

Mr. Sherman (N. Y.) offered amendment n substance striking out the time provision. Mr. Sherman said that under the penalty provided the weight and measure if stated, must be correctly stated, which he argued was very difficult. He said that this was a most serious ques-

He said that this was a most serious question, involving as it did vast interests, and it should not be hastily considered. The housewife was familiar with the proposition that she could not get the same weight into every can of fruit she puts up, and it would work a hardship on the big canner to put the weight on each can, for cans of standard size do vary in weight.

He told of having gone into Curtice Brothers' big cannery in Rochester, N. Y., and with a member of the firm weighed

and with a member of the firm weighed fifty glass jars of ketchup, supposed to be identical in weight. But the bottles varied from thirteen to fifteen ounces when every effort had been made to make the standard weight fourteen ounces. He said if every can and every bottle must contain the correct weight it would drive many canneries out of business be-cause of the incidental expense attaching

eans.
Mr. Clark (Mo.) wanted to know if it was true that quart and pint bottles were one drink short. "I do not know as to that," said Mr. Sherman. "The geutleman is evidently talking on the product of the corn grown in his district. I am talking about fruits herman.

in the weighing and in the marking of the

and vegetables."

Mr. Parsons (N. Y.) had read the follow-Provision Company of New York, to whom Mr. Mann paid his respects the other day, when he told how this company was importing rotten eggs for confectionery purposes.

tion against Representative Mann's untrue They are preserved fresh eggs, and the Agricultural Department knows it. Has it come to this, that legislation is promoted by slander and malice?"

Mr. Parsons then said, in explanation, that the department said the "importations of this company smelt badly and were unfit for human food." for human food."

Protests were heard on all sides against permitting the telegram to go into the record, as it attacked a member of the House. Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) remarking that the "telegram is rottener than the eggs."

By unanimous consent Mr. Parsons withdrew the telegram and the consideration of the pure food bill went on.

INCREASING THE ARMY.

Machine Gun Platoons for Infantry and Cavalry Regiments. Gen. Barry, acting chief of staff, has is

sued a general order to the army, in which it is announced that by direction of the President, in order to provide a machinegun platoon for one squadron of each regiment of cavalry and for one battallon of each regiment of infantry, including the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry, an additional strength of three corporals and eighteen privates is hereby assigned to each regiment of cavalry, and, of one sergeant, two corporals and eighteen privates to each regiment of infantry, to take effect July 1, 1906. This additional strength will aggregate 2,183 men. Regi-mental commanders will designate the squadrons and battalions in which machine-gun platoons shall be organized and maintained, and the additional strength will be distributed among three troops and three companies of each of these squadrons and battalions.

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There will be supplied to each designated squadron and battalion, by the ordnance department, as equipment for the machinegun platoon, two standard Vickers Sons and Maxim automatic machine guns with tripod mounts and pack outfits, and two Weldon range finders; by the engineer department, one two-foot folding rule, one odcmeter, two wire cutters, two hatchets, two pick mattocks and six shavels large: two pick mattocks and six shovels, large; by the quartermaster's department, ten pack animals (horses for the cavalry, mules for the infantry), and one escort wagon, harness, and four mules, and an allowance of camp and garrison equipage and kitchen utensils proportionate to the strength of

It is the purpose to have the machine-gun platoons adjuncts of their respective squadrons or battalions, but complete in themselves and capable of independent ex-istence and action when that shall be neces-sary. To this end in garrison the enlisted

sary. To this end in garrison the enlisted men composing the platoons will be quartered, messed, supplied, disciplined, instructed in small-arms target practice and borne upon the guard roster as are other enlisted men of their respective troops or companies, but for drill and instruction they will form independent units of the squadrons or battalions under the immediate command of the selected officers.

Department commanders are charged with the due inforcement of this order and will afford every facility practicable in the organization, equipment and training, both garrison and field, of the platoons, and will forward to the military secretary of the army, with their own views indorsed thereon, all reports and recommendations looking to the improving and the perfecting of the plan outlined in this order.

PROTESTS TO CONGRESS Against Abolition of Canteen in Soldiers' Homes.

Protests to Congress are coming thick and fast against the latest proposition to abolish the canteen system in national soldiers' homes throughout the country. The protests are from G. A. R. organizations, veterans of the civil war and organizations of German-Americans, who assert that there has been too much legislation squintprotests are especially directed to the Senate, as the House a short time ago pussed a provision denying certain appropriations to soldiers' homes that operated a canteen. The House took this action in the face of the protests of officials of soldiers' homes that the canteen was the heat

veterans would go to the saloons and many of them would be arrested by the police of the nearby towns and cities. There was no answer to this statement, members of the House declaring privately that at this time it would not be politically wise for them to vote in favor of the canteen sys-

Many army officers of nearly every grade are still urging their friends in Congress of restore the canteen to the regular army, presenting figures to show that there has

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been a tremendous increase in the drunkenness of the army since the canteen plan
was abolished upon the petition of the W.
C. T. U. and similar organizations.

Lieut. Gen. S. B. M. Young, retired, in
an article just published in some of the
leading papers of the country, says that
the cause of temperance is being hurt by
depriving the soldier of the light and comparatively unintoxicating drinks of the canparatively unintoxicating drinks of the can-teen, as he immediately resorts to the lowest sort of dives and saloons for his drinks, bringing the uniform of the army into dis-grace by his debaucheries. Gen. Young deciares that if the soldiers could obtain beer in their army posts they would not care about the saloons. He says he has known all the saloons around an army post to be put out of business by the decent conduct of the army canteen by the officers in

charge. Quite as many petitions from all over the ccuntry representing the desirability of do-ing away with the canteen altogether are also pouring upon the Senate and House.

RACE WAR IN LUMBER CAMPS.

Trouble Breaks Out in the West Virginia Mountains.

CINCINNATI, Ohlo, June 23.-A special from Clarksburg, W. Va., says: Trouble has broken out between American and foreign laborers in lumber camps at Tioga, Nicholas county, on the Granberry river. Hostilities originated over the displacement by foreigners of Americans occupying good po-

When the Americans were ousted they resorted to firearms. The fight which followed resulted in the death of one foreigner and the fatal wounding of another. Several others were slightly hurt. The news quickly spread through the mountain regions. Camden learned it first, and, having had similar experiences with

the foreign element, 100 men, armed with rifles, started across the mountains to aid the Americans. The foreigners had pickets watching. Sighting the advance of the armed men, the pickets gave the alarm, and nearly all of the foreign element of Tioga fied to Richwood, forty miles away. The Camden men arrived late in the day and offered their services, but, as the for-eigners were gone, no further disturbance occurred. The mill-owners have determined to assist the foreigners.

AMICABLE AGREEMENT.

Trouble Between Bottlers' Union and Brewers to Be Settled.

It was stated this morning that the trouble between the members of the local bottlers union and the employing bottlers, which was caused by a demand for increased wages is about to be settled. The western brewers, it is stated, have signified a willingness to sign a four-year contract and to give an increase of fifty cents a week for the first two years and an increase of \$1 during the remainder of the four years. It is probable that representatives of the local bottling establishments will meet a committee representing the union during the early part of next week, it is reported, and reach an agreement. The contest between the union and the

and has attracted more than an ordinary attention because of the criminal prosecution that was instituted. A number of the bottlers were charged with conspiracy, and they were held for the action of the grand jury.

It is believed the proceedings will be abandoned when the differences are settled.

employers has lasted a number of weeks,

"Herbert Parsons-Request your protec-AT VIENNA, VA. olicants Who Passed the Examination for Teachers. Special Correspondence of The Star.

VIENNA, Va., June 23, 1906. Mr. Milton Brayman and Miss Jennie Stewart, both of Washington city, were recently married, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. E. H. Bronson of Vienna. Announcement is made that the following applicants have passed the teachers' examination held last month: Miss L. E. Magarity, Miss C. G. Sloane, Miss Julia Ford, Miss Jennie L. Aud, Miss Virginia E. Wrenn, Miss Frankle E. Jenkins, Miss Fannie B. Utterback, Miss Grace H. Mack, Mr. John Mawdsley, Miss Katharine B. Waters, John Mawdsley, Miss Katharine B. Waters, Miss Martha A. Sherman, Miss Edith Thompson, Miss Hortense Staples, Miss L. W. Millan, Miss Robbie R. Swetnam, W. J. Simpson, John D. Addison, Miss Mary C. Finn, Miss M. L. Davis, Miss Eva E. Shepperd, Miss Mary E. Neff, Miss Maynard Longberger and Miss Nettie C. Nevitt

At the meeting of the board of supervisors of Fairfax county this week a communication was read from a publishing firm stating that there had been left with them for sale the original manuscript of the inventory of Gen. Washington's estate. This document, it is said, was taken from the clerk's office at Fairfax Court House during the civil war, and this is the first that has been heard of it since that time. It is said that steps will be taken to recover it.

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Mr. Cowell Summers of Sterling, Loude county, and Miss Burnie Dutton of Hern-don, were married at the bride's home last Tuesday evening. The bride was becom-ingly attired in white, and was assisted by her sister, Miss Belva Dutton, and Miss

Hope Summers, sister of the groom. The best man was Mr. Conway Hutchinson.

Miss Jennie Robey and Miss Dillon rendered the wedding music. The dining room and table were decorated under the direction of Mrs. Frank Bailon. After the ceremony the guests partook of the marriage supper. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. O. F. Burgess. J. A. Dyer while at Livingston Heights Thursday afternoon removing a heavy plece of timber it fell and struck him. A large spike, which had been driven into the wood.

entered his right arm just below the elbow and shattered the bone. Mr. Dyer was removed to the Georgetown University Hos-pital, where his injury was treated, after which he returned to Vienna. Attorney W. G. Collins has sold for Miss Sarah Warfield of Washington, D. C., to Mr. Joseph E. Supplee two lots in Del

Ray. Va.

Mr. T. J. Kingsbury and wife of the Post
Office Department, Washington, D. C., is
stopping for the summer at the Hampton
Williams from near Vienna. Illness of Mr. Frank Hume.

The condition of Mr. Frank Hume, who has been critically ill for the past several weeks at his home, 1235 Massachusetts avenue northwest, is reported to be serious today. The physicians give very little hope for his recovery. For more than thirty years Mr. Hume has been active in bust-ness. He is a native of Culpeper, Va., but has resided in this city since he was a boy. During the civil war he was in the confederate army, and at its close came to this city and engaged in the grocery business with Richard Poole. After about three years Mr. Hume bought Mr. Poole's inter-

est and has since conducted the business Building Permits Issued. Building permits were issued by Inspec-

tor Ashford today as follows: To John Enders for one three-story brick dwelling at No. 400 Massachusetts avenue northwest; builder, Wm. Yost & Bro.; estimated cost, \$4,500.

To A. R. Forney and E. C. Hanna for addition at No. 433 6th street northwest; architect, C. A. Didder; builder, Wm. Yost & Bro.; estimated cost, \$3,300.

To M. J. Meador for one two-story brick stable at No. 587 8th street; builder, Wm. Tost & Bro.; estimated cost, \$1,500.

To Caroline King & Sons for repairs at
No. 810-816 7th street northwest; architect,
Frank N. Jackson; builder, J. King; estimated cost, \$6,000.

Admited to the Naval Academy. ial Dispatch to The Star.

ANNAPOLIS, June 28.—The following ave been admitted to the Naval Academy a midshipmen: Merryn Bennon of Vernon,

Aid Club at Sc The first outing of the Pastors' Aid Club of Vermont Avenue Soptist Church was given to Somermi Beach westerder Wessally and sworn in as members of the south class at the Naval Academy: The Senate has ratified an extradition treaty between the United States and